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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002 in the above-identified application in which all pending claims (1,2 and 4-14 and 16-21) stand rejected under one or more of 35 U.S.C. §112 (second paragraph) 102(b) and/or 103(a). Applicant notes with appreciation the withdrawal of the previous rejection over Lundin, U.S. Patent No. 5,705,345. Reconsideration of the claims and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are requested in light of the following amendments and remarks. This response is timely filed as a petition for a three month's extension of time to March 30, 2003 is submitted herewith.